III.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

MR. SPEAKER : The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee will present the report of that Committee.

* DR. K. B. MENON : Sir, I have the honour to present to the House the Report [a] of the Committee on Public Accounts on the Accounts of the State of Madras for the year 1952–53.

In this connection I would like to inform the Members that the Committee is engaged on examining the Accounts for 1953–54 and that the report will be made available to the Members before the Assembly disperses.

IV.—EXTENSION OF TIME FOR NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL SALES TAX (THIRD AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a notice has been sent to us to the effect that the amendments to the Madras General Sales Tax (Third Amendment) Bill, 1955, should be sent so as to reach the Secretary to the State Legislature before 3 p.m. to-day. The Bill was placed on the table only to-day and we have had no time to study the Bill and propose amendments. To-morrow is a holiday and the Bill is going to come up for discussion only day after to-morrow. So I request that the time for sending in amendments may be extended till 9 a.m. on Monday the 13th August. If this is not convenient, I suggest that extension of time may be given till at least 4 p.m. to-morrow.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Just now I received that notice. Particularly to give notice of amendments, Members should read the Bill and devote some thought to it. Now we are sitting in this House, and we are asked to give amendments before 3 p.m. How is it possible, especially when the Bill is placed on the table only to-day? So, I also suggest that some more time may be allowed to the Members for giving notice of amendments.

MR. SPEAKER : I understand that the Bill was published in the Gazette, dated 18th July and the hon. Members are expected to read it. I should like to know what the Leader of the House has to say.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have no objection to extending the time till 9 a.m. on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER : With the consent of the House, the time for giving notice of amendments is extended till 9 a.m. on Monday, the 13th August.

V.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Hon. Speaker, in the Governor's Address, no mention is made about the flood havoc in South

[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 453–499 infra.